

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 21-24 are in the application.

By this preliminary amendment, claims 17-20 are canceled. Also, new structure claims 21-24 have been added. In addition, applicants have amended the title to more accurately reflect the invention to which the claims are now drawn. Additionally, claim 10 and paragraphs [0024]-[0026], [0036] and [0038] have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Further, applicants are submitting a Replacement Sheet herewith for drawing sheet 6/7 to fix an element numbering error in FIG. 7. The specification at paragraph [0036] supports this change.

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Office Action states that claims 1 through 16 (Group I) and claims 17 through 20 (Group II) are drawn to inventions that are independent or distinct. By this preliminary amendment, Applicants have canceled the Group II (claims 17-20) without prejudice, and applicants hereby elect to proceed with the claims of Group I (claims 1-16) together with new claims 21 through 24. Applicants make this election without traverse.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully believe that no fees are due for new claims 21-24 in view of canceled claims 17-20. However, if any fees or refunds are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 501086.

In view of all the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for favorable consideration on its merits, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings

Please amend FIG. 7 according to the enclosed Replacement Sheet 6/7. Specifically, element 63 in the previous version has been changed to element 53 as described in paragraph [0036].